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Post contacted Lydia Saadat from the MFA's Development Assistance Department to discuss the GoA's assistance in the aftermath of the South Asia earthquake. Saadat confirmed that Austria committed - and was already disbursed -- its pledges to support relief and reconstruction after the earthquake. According to Saadat, Austria pledged Euro 4.21 million at the November 2005 Donors Conference. Given the 2005 dollar/euro exchange rate at the end of year (Euro 1:\$1.24), reftel UNOCHA figures appear to reflect actual Austrian disbursements.